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In re Application of Ryoichi Sato et al.

Serial No.: 10/828,772

Filed: April 21, 2004

For: FOAMED POLYIMIDE SHAPED ARTICLE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF THE SAME

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A response to the outstanding official action in the above-identified application is enclosed.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.
- This is a Petition for an Extension of Time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render this submission timely.
- No additional fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated February 22, 2007.

Claims 16, 18, 21 – 27 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103 over Hill. Also, Claims 17, 19, 20 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Hill. The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's helpful comments with respect to the application of Hill to those claims, particularly with respect to the idea that the claims do not preclude the heat resistant binder from being foamable and the polyimide precursor disclosed by Hill may be used in the same states that the presently claimed heat resistant binders are used, i.e., in the powdered state or in a solvent solution.

The Applicants respectfully submit that Hill is actually non-enabling with respect to its use against the rejected claims. The Applicants respectfully submit that Hill neither anticipates nor